

ELAW Terms and Definitions from Plastic Laws

| Country | Link to law | Term used | Definition |
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| Estonia | Waste Act | agricultural plastic | means sludge wrap film, sludge covering film, tunnel film, net wrap, and plastic tarps |
| Australia, WA | Environmental Protection (Plastic Waste) Regulations 2011 | Barrier bag | a plastic bag without handles used to carry unpackaged perishable food |
| Fiji | External Policy: Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags Manufactured in South Africa | beverage container | means a jar, carton, can, bottle made of glass, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) or aluminium that is or was sealed by a manufacturer |
| South Africa | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution biodegradable) | Bin Liners | A plastic bag used for lining a rubbish bin. |
| Bahamas, The | Waste Management (Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | biodegradable plastic | single-use plastic bag that is capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms |
| Canada, Montreal | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | biodegradable bag | bag that can be decomposed by microorganisms, resulting in the formation of water, carbon dioxide, inorganic compounds and biomass that are non-toxic for the environment |
| Zimbabwe | Plastic Bag Use Reduction Act | biodegradable plastic | any plastic capable of being decomposed in natural aerobic and anaerobic environments. |
| Pelau | Environmental Management (Plastic Bottles) Regulations 2011 | biodegradable plastic bag | a plastic bag that is capable of being decomposed by bacteria or other living organisms within five (5) years or less |
| Fiji | Environmental Management (Plastic Bottles) Regulations 2011 | bottle | as a noun, means a small portable container for liquid, as well, means to manufacture or fill bottles with liquid for purposes of sale, |
| Canada, Prince Edward Island | Environmental Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act | business | a business incorporated under the Business Corporations Act (R.S.P. 1986, Cap. B-61), the Companies Act (S.P.E.I. 1988, C-14, or required to be registered under the Entrepreneurs/Corporations Registration Act (R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. E-14, and includes a sole proprietorship), a partnership or a cooperative association engaged in a retail operation and, for the purposes of section 4, a person employed by or operating on behalf of, a business |
| Korea, South | Act on the Promotion of Saving & Recycling of Resources | By-products | things produced incidentally in the processes of manufacturing, processing, repairing or selling products, supplying energy, or performing civil and construction works; |
| Kenya | Draft Plastic Bags Control and Management Regula | Carrier bag | bag constructed with handles and with or without gussets. |
| Kenya | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | Carrier bag | bag constructed with handles, and with or without gussets. |
| South Africa | Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags Manufactured in South Africa | Carrier bag | Bags constructed with handles and with or without gussets. |
| India | Plastic Waste Management Rule | carry bags | bags made from plastic material or compostable plastic material, used for the purpose of carrying or dispensing commodities which have a self-carrying feature but do not include bags that constitute or form an integral part of the packaging in which goods are sealed prior to use. |
| Canada, Prince Edward Island | Plastic Bag Reduction Act | checkout bag | any bag intended to be used by a customer for the purpose of transporting items purchased or received by the customer from the business providing the bag, and (i) a bag used to package take-out food or food to be delivered |
| Zimbabwe | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | cling film | a thin plastic film that sticks to itself and that is customarily used for wrapping food. |
| Fiji | Environmental Management (Container Deposit) Regulations 2011 | Collection Agency | means a person, retailer, producer, distributor, agency or body entity that collects items designated under these Regulations for transport to a processor |
| Malawi | Environmental Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act | compostable | means plastic products which are biodegradable or intrinsically suitable for various purposes including packaging of plastic, carrying of goods or carrying waste, as a plastic when used in relation to single use plastic food ware or a single use plastic bag, means single use plastic food ware or a single use plastic bag that: (a) meets the ASTM D5640, Standard Specification for Labeling of Plastics Designated to be Aerobically Compostable in Municipal or Industrial Facilities, or another widely recognised standard for compostability specified in any regulation made by the Minister under this Act; (b) is clearly labelled as compostable; and (c) has been certified as compostable by the Bioscience Products Institute or a similar international authority |
| Bahamas, The | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act, compostable | compostable | means plastic products which are biodegradable or intrinsically suitable for various purposes including packaging of plastic, carrying of goods or carrying waste, as a plastic when used in relation to single use plastic food ware or a single use plastic bag, means single use plastic food ware or a single use plastic bag that: (a) meets the ASTM D5640, Standard Specification for Labeling of Plastics Designated to be Aerobically Compostable in Municipal or Industrial Facilities, or another widely recognised standard for compostability specified in any regulation made by the Minister under this Act; (b) is clearly labelled as compostable; and (c) has been certified as compostable by the Bioscience Products Institute or a similar international authority |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | Town of Quabam Beach Bylaw No. 725 | compostable bag | any bag that is degraded by biological processes, (i) leaves no visible disintegratable or toxic residue, and (ii) displays one or more compostable marks of conformity, as listed in Appendix A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw |
| Pelau | Plastic Bag Use Reduction Act | compostable plastic bag | a plastic bag which is able to biodegrade in aquatic environments that are maintained under specific controlled temperature and humidity conditions, and is capable of undergoing biological decomposition in a compost such that the material is not visually distinguishable and breaks down into carbon dioxide, water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with known compostable materials |
| Rwanda | Law No. 17/2019 of 10/09/2019 | compostable plastic | any material made from single-use plastic or plastic carry bag made from plant-based synthetic materials capable of undergoing biological decomposition in natural conditions |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | Town of Quabam Beach Bylaw No. 725 | compostable plastic | plastic that undergoes degradation by biological processes during composting to yield CO ₂ , water, inorganic compounds and biomass at a rate consistent with other known compostable materials, excluding conventional petro-based plastics, and does not leave visible, distinguishable or toxic residue |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | Bylaw No. 725 | compostable straw | a straw that: (a) is degraded by biological processes, (i) leaves no visible, disintegratable or toxic residue, and (ii) displays one or more compostable marks of conformity, as listed in Appendix A, attached to and forming part of this bylaw. |
| Pelau | Plastic Bag Use Reduction Act | cool beverage can | means the individual, separate, sealed, glass, polyethylene terephthalate, high-density polyethylene, or metal container less than or equal to fifty-one fluid ounces, used for containing, at the time of sale to the consumer, a liquid beverage intended for sale or consumption in the Republic. |
| Marshall Islands | Syrifom cups and plates, and | Disposable | an article designed to be thrown away after one use |
| Marshall Islands | Syrifom and Plastic Food Serv | Disposable packaging | intended for single use only |
| Ghana | Regulations No. 84 2015 | Environmentally friendly | Any product or service that is not harmful to the atmosphere or surroundings. |
| Si-Lacu | Syrifom and Plastic Food Serv | environmentally sustainable | made from a biological based resource that is compostable in a facility or garden |
| Bahamas, The | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act, expanded polystyrene | expanded polystyrene | polystyrene that has been expanded or blown using a gaseous blowing agent into a solid form, and includes polystyrene beads |
| Ghana | Regulations No. 84 2015 | Expanded polystyrene | blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded forms which are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by any number of techniques including, but not limited to, fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, foam molding, and extrusion-blow molding (extruded foam polystyrene) |
| Bahamas, The | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act, expanded polystyrene | Expanded polystyrene | any product made of expanded polystyrene and used for selling or providing food for consumption and includes food containers, plates, hot beverage cups, egg cartons, hot and cold beverage trays and disposable trays |
| St Vincent and the Grenadines | Environmental Health (Expanded Polystyrene) Regulations | Expanded polystyrene food service products | any product made of expanded polystyrene and used for selling or providing food for consumption and includes food containers, plates, hot beverage cups, egg cartons, hot and cold beverage trays and disposable trays |
| Zambia | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act | environmentally sustainable | means a product or service that is not harmful to the atmosphere or surroundings. |
| India | Plastic Waste Management Rule | environmentally sustainable | means a product or service that is not harmful to the atmosphere or surroundings. |
| Kenya | Draft Plastic Bags Control and Management Regula | Fill bag | bag constructed without handles and with or without gussets. |
| Kenya | Environmental Management and Co-Ordination Act | Fill bag | bag constructed without handles, and with or without gussets. |
| South Africa | External Policy: Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags Manufactured in South Africa | Fill bag | Bags constructed without handles and with or without gussets. |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | Town of Quabam Beach Bylaw No. 725 | fill bag | a bag that sells or provides food for consumption on or off of the business premises, including restaurants, fast food restaurants, cafes, delis/bakeries, coffee shops, vending trucks or carts, or cafeterias |
| Si-Lacu | Syrifom and Plastic Food Serv | Food service container | disposable article used for the serving, packaging and conveying of food listed in the Schedule |
| Marshall Islands | Syrifom cups and plates, and | Food service container | to bring to the Republic from a foreign source. |
| Marshall Islands | Waste Ministration (Plastic Shopping Bags) Regulations 2018 | flexible synthetic fabric | a bag that: (a) is wholly or predominantly made of plastic that is between 45 and 70 microns in thickness; AND (b) either— (i) is constructed of nylon, polypropylene, or polypropylene fabric, whether woven or non-woven, and designed to be multi-use; or (ii) is certified by an entity accredited by the Joint Accreditation System of Australia and New Zealand, or by an entity accredited by a comparable independent accrediting entity or organization, to be capable of carrying 5 kg over a distance of 100 m for a minimum of 95 uses |
| Marshall Islands | Syrifom cups and plates, and | Manufacture | the making of goods or wares by manual labor or machinery, especially on a large scale. |
| New Zealand | Waste Ministration (Microbeads) Regulations 2017 | microbead | water-insoluble plastic particle that is less than 5 mm at the widest point |
| Canada | Packaging Act Amendment | microbeads | the plastic microbeads set out in item 133 of the List of Toxic Substances in Schedule 1 to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 |
| Estonia | Environmental Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act | non-biodegradable plastic carrier bag | means a plastic carrier bag made of plastic that contains micro-carbonate degradation additives |
| Bahamas, The | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act, non-biodegradable | non-biodegradable | plastic that biodegrades through a two-stage process where (a) in the first stage, addition to the plastic bag to catalyze and accelerate addition, which acts in the breakdown of polymer chains in the plastic to smaller and volatile fragments, and (b) in the second stage, microorganisms access the carbon and hydrogen making the remaining fragments biodegrade into carbon dioxide, water and biomass, leaving no plastic or harmful residues behind |
| Canada, Montreal | Waste Management (Plastic Pollution) Act | non-biodegradable or non-film | plastic bag made of petroleum-based plastic to which oxidizing agents are added to stimulate its degradation into smaller pieces that may be invisible to the naked eye, but that are not biodegradable |
| Rwanda | Law No. 17/2019 of 10/09/2019 | non-degradable plastics | petroleum based plastic materials that include additives, which through oxidation lead to the fragmentation of the plastic material into micro-fragments or a chemical decomposition, often also referred to as eco-biodegradable, photodegradable, thermo-degradable, non-fragmentable or pro-oxidant additive containing plastics. |
| Canada, Prince Edward Island | Plastic Bag Reduction Act | paper bag | Packaging – An object and any material whatsoever, used or designated for use as wrapping or containment for a product, or used or designated for carrying a product, for its presentation or for its protection |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | Town of Quabam Beach Bylaw No. 727 | paper bag | a bag made out of paper that is recyclable |
| Marshall Islands | Syrifom cups and plates, and | Petro-based plastic bag | any bag made primarily of pulp or paper, but does not include a plastic bag |
| Marshall Islands | Syrifom cups and plates, and | Plastic | A bag made of a petroleum based resin |
| Zimbabwe | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | Plastic | any material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, etc., that can be melted into shape while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form. |
| India | Plastic Waste Management Rule | plastic | material which contains as an essential ingredient a high polymer such as polyethylene terephthalate, high density polyethylene, Vinyl, low density polyethylene, polypropylene, polystyrene resins, multi-materials like acrylonitrile butadiene styrene, polyphosphene oxide, polycarbonate, Polyethylene terephthalate. |
| New Zealand | Single Use Plastics Prohibition on the Importation of Single-Use Plastic Regulation 2019 | plastic | any plastic material that is manufactured from any source (including a bio-based source), whether or not it is designed to be degraded in a particular way |
| Tanzania | Control of Imports (Plastic) Act | plastic | a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene, PVC, nylon, that can be melted into shape while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form whether or not it is designed to degrade in a particular way |
| Bahamas, The | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act | plastic | A synthetic material that is made of a range of polymers |
| Estonia | Packaging Act Amendment Act | plastic | means a polymer as defined in Regulation (EC) No 1017/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Regulation, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH) establishing a European Chemicals Agency and amending Directive 1989/45/EEC and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 793/83, Commission Regulation (EC) No 1488/94 as well as Council Directive 76/769/EEC and Commission Directives 91/151/EEC, 93/751/EEC and 2000/21/EC (OJ L 366, 30.12.2008, p. 1-805), within the meaning of Article 3 (1), (a) |
| Si-Lacu | Syrifom and Plastic Food Serv | plastic | a material derived from petrochemicals that are lightweight, soft and non-compostable |
| Canada, Prince Edward Island | Plastic Bag Reduction Act | plastic bag | a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers, such as polyethylene, polypropylene or nylon that can be melted into shape while soft and set into a rigid or slightly elastic form |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | Town of Quabam Beach Bylaw No. 726 | plastic bag | any bag made with plastic, including biodegradable plastic or compostable plastic, but does not include a reusable bag |
| Canada, Quabam Beach | An Act to Amend the Environmental Protection Act 2015 (July 2017) | plastic bag | any bag made with any amount of plastic, including biodegradable plastic, but does not include a reusable bag |
| Fiji | External Policy: Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags Manufactured in South Africa | plastic bag | (i) a carry bag—(i) the body of which comprises, in whole or in part, polyethylene, (ii) that includes handles, (iii) that is provided by a prescribed business for the carrying or transporting of goods, and (iv) is not an integral part of a product's packaging; OR (b) a bag that is of a kind prescribed by regulations |
| Kenya | Environmental Management and Co-Ordination Act | plastic bag | (i) a carry bag—(i) the body of which comprises, in whole or in part, polyethylene with a thickness of less than 100 microns; (ii) that is used for the carrying or transporting of goods; AN ACT NO. 13 OF 2019 ASSENT. J. K. KONKOTE President (26 June 2019), 112 Environment Manager (Budget Amendment—13 of 2019) (ii) that is not an integral part of a product's packaging; (iii) that is not a waste disposal bag; and (iv) that is not a bag that is of a kind prescribed by regulations; or (b) a bag that is of a kind prescribed by regulations |
| Ghana | Regulations No. 84 2015 | plastic bag | means a synthetic industrial product with a low density composed of numerous chemical molecules, which is mostly used in the packaging of various products such as food, water, produce, powders, cereals, magazines, chemicals, wastes etc |
| Canada, The | Plastic Bag Order, 2019 | plastic bag | means a synthetic industrial product with a low density composed of numerous chemical molecules, which is mostly used in the packaging of various products such as food, water, produce, powders, cereals, magazines, chemicals, wastes etc |
| Malawi | Environmental Protection (Control of Plastic Pollution) Act | plastic bag | (a) a plastic carrier bag with handles which is designed for the purpose of carrying goods; (b) a plastic fill bag constructed with or without gussets which is designed for the purpose of carrying goods; or (c) a plastic refuse bag which is designed for the purpose of carrying wastes. |
| Pelau | Plastic Bag Use Reduction Act | plastic bag | a bag that is provided by a retail establishment to a customer for the purpose of transporting groceries or other retail goods and not specifically designed for multiple re-use but does not include biodegradable or compostable plastic bags |
| South Africa | External Policy: Environmental Levy on Plastic Bags Manufactured in South Africa | Plastic bag | A bag made of a film, flexible plastic material, especially one (1) with handles supplied by a shop to carry goods purchased there |
| Tanzania | Waste Management (Plastic Pollution) Regulations 2011 | plastic bag | a synthetic bag made from organic compounds for use in commerce, and include plastic containers that the Waste Authority classifies as disposable containers, but does not include the following classes of plastic bags: (a) plastic bags solely used at the point of importation to contain (i) fresh fish and fresh fish products, (ii) fresh meat and fresh meat products, or (iii) fresh poultry and fresh poultry products. Provided that such bags are not greater in dimension than 225mm in width (exclusive of any gussets), by 345mm in depth (inclusive of any gussets), by 450mm in length |
| Kenya | Draft Plastic Bags Control and Management Regula | Plastic Bags | a shopping or grocery carrier bag that has handles, made from (i) nylon, or (ii) other biodegradable or non-biodegradable provided by a wholesale business retailer, including shops, restaurants, and supermarkets to a customer at the point of sale and incidental to the purchase of other goods |
| Philippines, Nauranga | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | plastic bag | also known as waste bags, pouch, plastic shopping bags and plastic film bags. It is a type of flexible packaging material made of film, plastic film that is used for containing and transporting food and other products (commercial or industrial). It also refers to thin-gauge packaging medium that is used as bag or wrap |
| Zimbabwe | Environmental Management (Waste Disposal and Recycling) Regulations 2007 | plastic bottle | plastic packaging used to seal goods to protect these goods from breakages or contamination with other goods or extraneous matter. |
| Fiji | Environmental Management (Waste Disposal and Recycling) Regulations 2007 | plastic bottle | means – (a) a PET bottle, and (b) any other bottle or container made of plastic that the Minister may, by order in the Gazette, declare to be a plastic bottle for the purpose of these Regulations. |
| Zimbabwe | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | plastic bread packaging | plastic packaging and primarily for the packaging of bread. |
| Malawi | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2010 | Plastic bread wrapping | flexible bread bag, a shrinkable bread bag and a widened bread bag which are designed for the purpose of packaging bread |
| Estonia | Packaging Act Amendment Act | plastic carrier bag | a carrier bag with or without handles made of plastic, which the consumer receives at the point of sale of the goods |
| South Africa | Regulations Under Section 24 of the National Environmental Management Act | plastic carrier bag | a bag made of plastic film, with handles, with or without gussets, and which complies with paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Compulsory Specifications. |

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| Country | Name of the Law | Link to law | Term used | Definition |
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| Zimbabwe | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic carrier packaging | plastic packaging for the carriage of goods by a person that is manufactured with or without handles, or with or without grommets; |
| Bhutan | Law No. 11/2019 of 10/02/2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic carry bag | a synthetic industrial product with a low density composed of numerous ethylene molecules used in packaging or carrying products |
| British Virgin Islands | Act No. 79/98 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic checked bag | Means a carry-on bag that is provided by a business to a customer for the purpose of transporting groceries or other retail goods, and is made from non-compostable plastic and not specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use. The terms does not include: (A) bags used by customers made a business to package loose items, such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, ground coffee, grains, candies, or small hardware items; (B) bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, flowers, or potted plants, or other items to contain dampness; (C) bags used to protect |
| South Africa | Regulations Under Section 24 of the Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic film | a continuous, thin, non-woven membranous skin or layer of flexible material made of polyethylene or other plastic materials; |
| South Africa | Regulations Under Section 24 of the Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic flat bag | a bag, made of plastic film, without handles, with or without grommets, and which complies with paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Compulsory Specification; |
| Taiwan | Restrictions on the Manufacture, Import, and Sale of Personal Care and Cosmetics Products Containing Plastic Microbeads | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic microbeads | solid plastic particles used for exfoliation or cleaning of the body wherein the scope of particles diameter is smaller than 5 mm and the material of which they are made includes biodegradable plastic |
| Zimbabwe | Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic packaging | plastic barrier packaging, plastic carrier packaging and plastic bread packaging |
| Mali | Investment Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic sheet | A flat plastic sheet used for various purposes including wrapping fresh food products and construction works |
| Australia, ACT | Environmental Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic shopping bag | means a bag that is provided by a business to a customer for the purpose of transporting groceries or other retail goods, and is made from non-compostable plastic and not specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use. The term does not include: |
| Papua New Guinea | Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic shopping bag | any of the substances defined as an High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic bags with or without handles used or produced at the point of sale, used as carrying or transporting of retail or wholesale goods including: (a) HDPE carry bags, and (b) Vegetable or leaf-off bags, and (c) Foot bags (used as Koi Bags) |
| Oman | Non-Biodegradable Waste Control Regulations 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic shopping bag | means a bag that— (i) is wholly or predominantly made of plastic that is less than 70 microns in thickness, and is (ii) new or unused, and (iii) has handles; but (b) does not include — (i) a long-life synthetic fabric multi-use shopping bag, or (ii) a plastic bag that is, or forms an integral part of, the packaging in which goods are sealed or contained before sale |
| Marshall Islands | Syntonium cups and plates, and | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic shopping bags | a carryout bag composed primarily of thermoplastic synthetic polymer material, which is provided by a store to a customer at the point of sale and incidental to the purchased of other goods; |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Town of Quakom Beach | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic straw | a straw made primarily of plastic, including biodegradable plastic, but is not a reusable straw or a compostable straw |
| Mali | Environment Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic wrap | This plastic film typically used for wrapping food items in containers to keep them fresh over a long period of time and includes cling film, stretch wrap, shrink wrap, cling wrap or food wrap |
| Uganda | National Environmental Act No. 4 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic | means a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene that can be moulded into shapes while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form; (A) bags used by customers made a business to package loose items, such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, ground coffee, grains, candies, or small hardware items; (B) bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, flowers, or potted plants, or other items to contain dampness; (C) bags used to protect |
| Burkina Faso | Environmental Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | plastic | means a synthetic material made from a wide range of organic polymers such as polyethylene that can be moulded into shapes while soft and then set into a rigid or slightly elastic form; (A) bags used by customers made a business to package loose items, such as fruits, vegetables, nuts, ground coffee, grains, candies, or small hardware items; (B) bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, flowers, or potted plants, or other items to contain dampness; (C) bags used to protect |
| Kenya | (Draft) Plastic Bag Control and Management Regula | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Plastic | a synthetic industrial product with a low density composed of numerous chemical molecules with a chemical formula C2H4Cn |
| Canada, Prince Edward Island | Environmental Protection Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Prescribed plastic bag | in relation to health care products, means health care or laboratory products that are completely encased by wrapping or a container; |
| Australia, WA | Environmental Protection (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Primary packaging material | means a bag that — (i) is made in whole or in part of plastic, and (ii) has handles, and (iii) has a thickness of 35 microns or less; but (b) does not include a bag that — (i) a barrier bag; (ii) a plastic bag that is, or an integral part of, the packaging in which goods are sealed for sale; or (iii) a plastic bag provided by a medical care provider to a person receiving services from that medical care provider |
| Mali | Environment Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Primary packaging material | the first level product packaging material that contains an item being sold |
| Fi | Environment Management (Container Deposit) Regulations, 2011 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Product Stewardship Plan | A proposed written plan in accordance with Section 3, that must be approved by the Department of Environment prior to receiving a beverage container permit |
| Fi | Environment Management (Container Deposit) Regulations, 2011 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | recovery rate | A percentage of the total amount of collected items designated under these Regulations divided by the amount of items generated |
| Cyprus | Regulations No. 8 of 2015, The | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable | Solid waste that can be processed and returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products |
| Saint Vincent and the Grenadines | Environmental Health (Expanded) Act No. 79/98 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Recyclable | in relation to containers or packaging for food means containers or packaging that can be processed and returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw materials or products |
| British Virgin Islands | Environmental Management (Waste Deposit and Recycling) Regulations 2007 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Recyclable Paper Bag | Means a paper bag that (a) is one hundred percent recyclable; (b) contains a minimum of fifty percent post-consumer recycled content; and (c) displays the words 'Recyclable' and 'Recyclable' in a highly visible manner on the outside of the bag. |
| Marshall Islands | Syntonium cups and plates, and | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | recycle | means to receive waste and – (a) process it, or cause it to be processed, for reuse; (b) convert it into power; or (c) export it; |
| Fi | Environment Management (Container Deposit) Regulations, 2011 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Recycled paper bag | a paper bag that is manufactured from recycled content and displays the words made from recycled material and/or is recyclable; |
| Kenya | Environment Management (Container Deposit) Regulations, 2011 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | recycling | the process by which items designated under these Regulations are recovered, collected, transported, separated, baled, and sold for reuse and would otherwise be disposed of as solid waste |
| Korea, South | Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Recycling facilities | installations, equipment, facilities, etc. prescribed by Ordinance of the Ministry of Environment, which are used to manufacture, process, assemble, repair, collect, transport and keep recyclable resources or recycled products; |
| Brazil | LAW No. 8063 of 25 June 2018 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable bag | Reuseance of at least 4 (four), 7 (seven) or 10 (ten) kilos and be made with more than 31% (thirty and one percent) of material from renewable sources |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Town of Quakom Beach | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | retail business | a business whose main activity is the sale or provision of any types of goods directly to customers |
| Canada, Montreal | Bill 66 Montreal By-Law 16, 053 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | retail store | an establishment whose main activity is the sale of merchandise at the retail level |
| Australia, WA | Environmental Protection (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Retailer | a person who sells goods in trade or commerce |
| Marshall Islands | Syntonium cups and plates, and | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable | an article designed to be reused again repeatedly recyclable means an article designed to be recycled Prescribed date for prohibition' means the five (5) months after promulgation of regulations; |
| Bahamas, The | Environmental Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act, reusable | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable | an article designed to be reused again repeatedly recyclable means an article designed to be recycled Prescribed date for prohibition' means the five (5) months after promulgation of regulations; |
| Palau | Plastic Bag Use Reduction Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | reusable bag | when used in relation to plastic food waste means an object that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse, and composed of durable material suitable for multiple washings and reuse; |
| British Virgin Islands | Act No. 79/98 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | reusable bag | a bag that is specifically designed for reuse and is made of cloth or other washable or cleanable material suitable for reuse |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Plastic Bag Reduction Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable Bag | Means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuses and is made of (A) cloth or other washable fabric, or (B) durable material suitable for reuse, including plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Bill No. 128 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable bag | a bag with handles that is intended to be used for transporting items purchased or received by the customer from a business if made of plastic that is at least 70 microns, and (i) is primarily made of cloth or other washable fabric; |
| Canada, Wood Buffalo | Bylaw No. 12/007 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable container | any bag, box or other container specifically designed and manufactured to hold at least 20 pounds of weight without failure or sign of eminent failure, is resistant to cuts and tears, and is made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; and/or durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils (571 micrometers) thick and/or any other durable material suitable for multiple uses, and only includes a cardboard box made of pressed paper pulp or padded sheets of paper used for cartons where such cardboard box has been used previously |
| Canada, Prince Edward Island | Plastic Bag Reduction Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable bag | intended and planned to go through at least several years or laps in the reuse system during its life cycle, depending on the purpose, possibility and suitability of use of the packaging |
| Marshall Islands | Syntonium cups and plates, and | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reusable shopping bag | shopping bag which we not plastic that can be reused many times, including food baskets. This is an alternative to plastic shopping bags. |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Town of Quakom Beach | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | reusable straw | a straw made of durable materials including metal, glass, silicone, or bamboo, but is not made primarily of plastic other than silicone plastic |
| Korea, South | Act on the Promotion of Saving and Recycling of Resources | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Reuse | re-using recyclable resources as they are or after repairing or making them re-usable for production activities; |
| Canada, Montreal | Bill 66 Montreal By-Law 16, 054 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | shopping bag | bag offered to clients at the check-out counter in retail stores to carry out their merchandise |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Environmental Health (Expanded) Plastic Bags Prohibition Order, 2017 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | shopping plastic bag | plastic bags that are polyethylene or petroleum-based used as shopping bags. These are sometimes called single-use bags for carrying items from a store to a home. |
| Bahamas, The | Trade (Plastic Packaging Material) Regulations, 2017 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single-use plastic | means single use plastic bags, packaging made wholly or in part of expanded polyethylene foam or drinking straws, made wholly or in part of polyethylene or polypropylene manufactured for single use |
| Bahamas, The | Environment Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act, single use plastic bag | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single use plastic bag | Any bag made either in whole or in part from plastic that — (a) typically provided at a check-out stand, cash register, or other point of sale; and (b) commonly used for the transport of merchandise, food, or other tangible item; |
| Turks and Caicos Islands | Trade (Plastic Packaging Material) Regulations, 2017 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single use plastic bag | means any bag made wholly or in part of polyethylene or polypropylene and of the applicable dimensions (dimensions not exceeding 410 mm x 610 mm, and 810 mm x 810 mm in thickness (before the 1st of January 2021) and/or to 1.05 mm (after 1st of January 2021) |
| Bahamas | Plastic and Other Single Use Pro | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single use plastic bag | means a bio-degradable or non-biodegradable plastic bag which:— (a) is not designed and manufactured for multiple re-use; (b) has handles; (c) is made from non-compostable plastic; and (d) is distributed at the point of sale in retail trade, to carry out goods. |
| Bahamas | Control of Disposable Plastic Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Single use plastic container | Any of the following disposable containers made of plastic or polyethylene: cups, food containers, egg trays, plates, or polyethylene containers used in the culinary retail industry; |
| Bahamas | Control of Disposable Plastic Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single use plastic cutlery | petroleum based plastic cutlery of a disposable nature and includes beverage stirrers and straws composed of petroleum based resins |
| Bahamas | Environment Protection (Plastic Pollution) Act, single use plastic food | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single use plastic food | any object made in whole or in part from plastic that is commonly used to consume, contain, store, separate, serve, or transport any food or drink; |
| Canada, Wood Buffalo | Bylaw No. 12/008 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single-use bag | a bag that is made of less than 2.25 mils (571 micrometers) thick polyethylene, and/or paper, and; for clarity, shall include, but is not limited to: a door hanging bag designed to hold flyers, coupons or other advertisements and intended to be left on the doors of homes; a decorative paper or plastic gift bag where such bag is being used to transport goods; a biodegradable bag composed of in whole or in part, biodegradable plastic, bio-biodegradable plastic, plant-based polyethylene, or other plastic resin composites that is intended to degrade at a faster rate than non-bio |
| Rwanda | Law No. 17/2019 of 10/02/2019 R | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single-use plastic item | a disposable plastic item designed to be used once before it is discarded or recycled. Single use plastic items include plastic carry bags, bio-degradable plastics and other items whose part is made from plastic material; |
| Canada, Northwest Territories | Waste Reduction and Recycling Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | single-use retail bag | a bag that is designed to carry customer purchases from a retail store, but does not include a bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of cloth or other durable material suitable for reuse (i) a bag provided by a pharmacist to contain prescription drugs (c) a bag used to protect dry-cleaning (d) a small lightweight bag provided to a customer made a retail store that is designed to contain (i) bulk items not otherwise contained in primary packaging such as nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items such as nails and bolts (i) raw fish (ii) raw fruit |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Town of Quakom Beach | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | small paper bag | any bag made out of paper that is less than 600 square centimeters when flat |
| Canada, Quakom Beach | Bylaw No. 729 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | straw | a tube used to transfer a beverage from a container to the mouth of the individual drinking the beverage by suction |
| Fi | Environment Management (Container Deposit) Regulations, 2011 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Strontium | material made from plastic resin which is formed with the use of a gas or volatile liquid extrusion used with liquid plastic to make polyethylene bubbles |
| Kenya | Environment Management (Container Deposit) Regulations, 2011 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Supply | refers to a kind of packaging material used as food containers, disposable cups, plates, etc |
| Australia, WA | Environmental Protection (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Supply | Set, provide and make available |
| Estonia | Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Thin plastic carrier bag | a plastic carrier bag that is thinner than 50 microns |
| Mali | Investment Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Trade | The sale of plastic bags or straws to any person, including, but not limited to manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of goods for use in the Republic of Mali |
| South Africa | Regulations Under Section 24 of the Environmental Management (Plastic Packaging and Plastic Bottles) Regulations, 2019 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Trade | The sale of plastic carrier bags and plastic flat bags to any person, including, but not limited to, manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of goods, for use within the Republic of South Africa |
| Canada, Montreal | Bill 66 Montreal By-Law 16, 055 | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | traditional plastic bag | bag made of petroleum-based plastic that is not biodegradable |
| Estonia | Packaging Act Amendment Act | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | Ultra-thin plastic carrier bag | means a plastic carrier bag that is thinner than 15 microns and is used for hygiene purposes or for the initial packaging of public foodstuffs, which helps to prevent food waste |
| India | Plastic Waste Management Rule | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | waste pickers | individuals or agencies, groups of individuals voluntarily engaged or authorized for picking of recyclable plastic waste |
| Rwanda | Law No. 17/2019 of 10/02/2019 R | http://www.zimstat.gov.zw/legislation/legislation.php?legislation_id=117 | weave polypropylene | polypropylene strap/mattings that have been woven in two directions (weave and weft) to make a light, but strong and heavy duty material. |